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SUBJ: POLYSTYRENE PLANT

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1. EMBASSY'S INITIAL REACTION TO JOINT VENTURE FORMED BY GORDON INDUSTRIES, INC. AND YPFB TO BUILD POLYSTYRENE PLANT IS FAVORABLE.

2 EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS STANDOFR RESEARCH INSTITUTE MADE POSITIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY. PRESENT YPFB TOTAL INVESTMENT ESTIMATE IS US\$ 1.7 MILLION. ANNUAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY IS PLANNED FOR 7,000 METRIC TONS.

3. IN 1971 ANNUAL SUBREGIONAL CONSUMPTION OF POLYSTYRENE WAS 21,800 TONS. ESTIMATED CONSUPTION FOR 1980, 75,000 METRIC TONS. BOLIVIAN PRODUCTION SHCEDULED TO START 1981. BOLIVIAN INTERNAL CONSUMPTION IN 1971 WAS 172 METRIC TONS; IN 1980 IS ESTIMATED TO REACH 1,600; 4,900 IN 1985. BOLIVIAN PLANS TO HAVE 25 PERCENT OF MARKETS OF ARGENTINA, PERU AND CHILE WHICH IN 1980 AND 1985 RESPECTIVELY ESTIMATED TO AMOUNT TO 4,170 AND 10,920 METRIC TONS.

4. STYRENE INPUT NEEDED INITIALLY PLANNED TO BE BOUGHT FROM U.S. AND LATER FROM PLANT YPFB PLANS TO INSTALL.

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5. PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS INDICATE THAT POLYSTYRENE

PLANT TO BE FINANCED 60 PERCENT BY YPFB AND 40 PERCENT
BY GORDON INDUSTRIES.
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